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"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts . . ."

MATTHEW 2:10-11

YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Christmas is not far away. The Northwestern Christian Home at Beaverton, Oregon, and all the other eighteen N.B.A. Homes join in thanking you for remembering the children and the aged in our Church Homes at Christmas. The Sunday before Christmas is set aside nationally to receive offerings for Benevolence. More than half the total daily operation is provided by your offerings.

Fifty-eight aged Christians are now housed at Northwestern Christian Home. Among them are many elderly folk from Oregon churches, all looking to their Christian friends for help, and never ceasing to be thankful for you as you share with them.

Christmas offerings may be sent either to the Northwestern Christian Home at Beaverton or directly to The National Benevolent Association in St. Louis, Missouri.

For a spiritual reward, be benevolent, at Christmas time, and all around the year.

EDITORIAL

Court Stops Free Textbooks for Parochial Schools

The editors of the **Oregon Christian** have frequently advocated repeal of the Oregon law that permits parochial schools to get free textbooks (with the taxpayers paying the expense).

Although the law has not been repealed, it is a source of gratification to the editors (and it must be a pleasure to many others) to learn that the Oregon Supreme Court has declared the law unconstitutional.

State Papers Displayed at K.C. Convention

The **Oregon Christian** was among the state periodicals on exhibit at the International Convention at Kansas City. The display was located where everyone going from the exhibition hall to the arena and back had to pass by it.

Edwin Lee Stiles of the United Society sent a letter of appreciation to all those who send periodicals for exhibit. He commented, "In my many trips back and forth from the Press Room to the exhibition area and the arena, I never failed to see at least one person looking through the journals."

MAY THE STAR—

of Bethlehem radiate its glow of peace in our heart . . .

May the joyous song of the angels re-echo through your lips . . .

May Love who came as a lowly Babe be spread abroad through your life . . .

is our prayer
at Christmastide.

Ruth and Henry Searle
Mildred and Sherman Moore
Loma Mae Jones
Mary Jane Nesby
Clata Charles
Jean Walker
Margaret and Ray Hewitt
Dulcina and Clarence Elliott
Carolyn and Richard Flood
Miriam and Ray Helseth

Veteran Subscriber Praises State Paper

SURE I want to continue receiving THE **OREGON CHRISTIAN**. Been receiving it for many years. I am too old now to turn it down. Check herewith. GOD bless every one.

Roy L. Dunn
431 S.E. Leland Street
Roseburg, Oregon

FAREWELL RECEPTION for departing minister, Wayne Greene, of the First Christian Church in Salem finds Dr. Greene, left, talking with Will Gardner. Dr. Greene is sitting in a section cut out from a giant cylinder that represents the drum of a mimeograph machine and symbolizes the church's weekly publication, the "Scroll."

Number of Disciple Ministers Is in Declining Trend

STRATFORD, Texas — If current trends continue, the number of ministers in Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) throughout the land will drop from its present 7,500 to 4,000 by the end of the Sixties.

Dr. Elmer D. Henson, dean of Brite College of the Bible, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, presented these shocking facts to ministers and laymen attending the Panhandle Convention of Christian Churches here.

As causes bringing about this decline, he listed:

1. The decreasing rural population from which the majority of ministers are drawn.

2. Avid recruitment of intelligent youth by science and industry.

3. Defamation of the ministry by those calling it "communist."

The Brite College dean also said parents are urging their children not to enter the ministry because they have a wrong image of it.

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NBA Homes Depend on You for Daily Living

Christ served the sick, the aged, the little children. His business was to establish the Church and commission it to minister to people. Just as Jesus har compassion on the poor, the sick, the blind, the mentally disturbed, the neglected and rejected, so the Church has tried to follow His example.

Since 1887, the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) has been the instrument by which an organized and orderly program of Benevolence has been administered. This year 1,148 children, who were abandoned, neglected, or unwanted, found security and love in 7 NBA Homes for children in Atlanta, Cleveland, Denver, Dallas, Omaha, St. Louis and Somerset, Pennsylvania. 20 were full orphans and 53 were half orphans. 845 aging members of the Christian Churches, who were lonely, unwanted, or without sufficient funds, found comfort and Christian companionship in the 10 NBA Homes for aging in Dallas; Des Moines; Martinsville and Marion, Indiana; Jacksonville, Florida; Jacksonville, Illinois; Beaverton, Oregon; Rosemead, California; Edmond, Oklahoma; and Columbia, Missouri.

This Christmas a new Family Circle will be added through the Kansas Christian Home at Newton to receive the Churches' daily blessings.

Of the 845 aging in the NBA Homes, 19 are blind, 86 are past 90, and 401 are past 80 years. 27 are ministers, 52 are ministers' wives or widows, and 16 are missionaries. 235 have no income whatsoever. More than 40,122 years of church membership are represented by these 845 senior citizens residing in the 10 NBA Homes. (No service report available from the new Kansas Home.) They depend upon the churches for all necessities.

The benevolent outreach of our NBA Homes is limited only by the amount of support which members of our concerned churches regularly provide. Our Benevolence Dollars are a part of your World Outreach Dollars. Our NBA Homes operate to capacity. They referred 785 children and 931 elderly people to other agencies for help. There are 499 approved aged people on the NBA Homes' waiting lists. During the year 68 unwed mothers were helped.

The NBA Family Circle of over 2,000 would have you know of their happiness and deep gratitude as Churches plan to observe the "Christmas Offering for Benevolence" on December 24, 1961. Free materials have been prepared for churches to promote a generous Christmas offering, which is the Special Day for Benevolence in the Brotherhood Calendar.

Your material gifts should be sent direct to the NBA Homes. Your cash offerings should be sent to the Homes, or to The National Benevolent Association, 16th Floor, Landreth Building, St. Louis 2, Missouri. It makes no difference. Each Home receives its budget share of the total Benevolence receipts.

Thanks for keeping these NBA Home doors open. Who knows but what some day they may swing open to you, or your loved ones, in an hour of great need. Happiness adds and multiplies as we divide it with others.

Cedar Hills Christian Church Reports Building Expansion Plans

The existing crowded conditions in the Sunday school at Cedar Hills Christian Church and the rapid expansion of the community in which it is located have made imperative the need for additional classroom space.

A campaign has been launched to collect a building fund. The campaign began at a "kick-off" dinner on November 8. Ernie Weir, campaign chairman, explained the overall program to the assembled diners.

The goal is to raise $18,000 to build and completely equip and addition to the present structure located at 13445 S.W. Walker Road. The new addition will have four double classrooms, and adequate storage facilities.

The campaign, now in full swing, will be climaxed at a free dinner for all Cedar Hills church members and interested friends. The dinner will be held at St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church on the 29th of November at 6:30 P.M. Harold Watkins of the Board of Church Extension will be the main speaker. Everett Cecil is the minister at Cedar Hills.

Ralph Jull, Reporter

Class Pin Found

Who has lost a class pin recently? The following letter from Kenneth Johnston, pastor of the Kern Park Christian Church in Portland, will explain the question.

Dear Ray:

The enclosed pin was turned into our church from someone from the Mt. Scott Presbyterian Church following the Churchmanship Conference banquet in September, which was held at this Presbyterian church. It is the kind of pin that I am sure has been worn for a long time as indicated by the date and I am sure that the one who lost it would be very anxious to get it back as it is a class pin. We have not been able to find anyone who knows anything about it. I thought perhaps you might run a note in the Oregon Christian, since we are sure it was someone from our churches attending the Churchmanship Conference banquet. Thank you very much, Ray.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Johnston
Minister

If you can identify the pin, please write to Ray S. Hewitt, 195 Vera Drive, Corvallis, Oregon.

MR. AND MRS. GLYN ADSIT and son, Tim, chat with Ross Warren (left), chairman of the board of the Corvallis Christian Church, prior to opening the gifts presented to them by the members at a farewell reception, October 22. The Adsits left Corvallis at the end of October for a ministry in Pampa, Texas.

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Northwest Christian College

by Dr. Ross J. Griffeth

Beginning now, Northwest Christian College requires that all applicants for admission shall provide test scored from some standardized tests which have to do with aptitude for college work.

To conform with the practices of other Oregon colleges, Northwest Christian College Entrance Examination Board tests produced by the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N. J.

There are three items in the College Board tests: Scholastic Aptitude, Achievement, Writing Sample.

The College Board tests will be given by most high schools on the following dates:

Saturday, December 2, 1961
Saturday, January 13, 1962
Saturday, March 3, 1962
Saturday, May 19, 1962
Wednesday, August 8, 1962

Those who plan to enter Northwest Christian College should request that one copy of the test scores be sent to the University of Oregon and the other copy to Northwest Christian College. Those who plan to enter N. C. C. next September should take these tests at the first opportunity.

DR. ROSS J. GRIFFETH (left), president of Northwest Christian College, and Richard Busic, president of the student body, inspect a sketch of the projected additions to Burke Hall, the women's dormitory.

Winter term classes will begin on January 3, 1962. Registration should be completed not later than January 2, 1962.

The Oregon Preachers Parliament will be held on January 9, 10, 11, 1962. Evening sessions will be held at the Eugene First Christian Church. Day sessions will be on the N. C. C. campus. The first session will begin at 7:30 P.M., January 9.

An exact date for new construction on the dormitory for women has not been fixed but the plans are to start shortly after March 1, 1962. Just how far building operations will be carried depends on the amount of money available. Contributions continue to come on the ONE THOUSAND MILE ADVANCE in Quality Christian Education. The program is still to be presented in quite a number of churches. With everyone helping, this program should be fully subscribed in the near future.

A recent study brought out the fact that of the 321 men who have graduated from N. C. C. in the last eleven graduating classes, 308 of them are engaged in church vocations, either as local pastors, ministers, or in general work.

January to Easter Chain of Prayer

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada enrolled in the communion's 1962 Chain of Prayer will officially begin their around-the-clock prayer vigils at 12:01 a.m. on January 1. The "chain" will be completed on April 22, Easter Sunday.

Now in its fifth year, the Chain of Prayer is designed to give spiritual motivation to the 112-day pre-Easter program of evangelism and to link churches of the brotherhood together in fellowship and concern.

By mid-October, 220 Christian Churches had enrolled in the 24-hour periods of prayer. Last year a total of 353 congregations made up the finished "chain."

Beginning their unbroken prayer vigils in the last hours of 1961 will be the First Christian Churches at Bellefontaine, Ohio; Vancouver, Wash.; and Abilene, Texas; and the Park Hill Church of Denver, Colo.

Oregon churches are reminded that the Prayer Chain has been included in Point No. 3 of the SEVEN POINT PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM which was proposed to our churches by the Commission on Evangelism. Copies of this proposed program have been sent to ministers and evangelism chairmen in local churches with the request that this program be considered by local evangelism committees, and that copies of local church evangelism programs for the year be sent to the state office.

THE CHURCHES ARE ASKING...

The churches are asking, "How do we get rid of our minister?" Does this subject startle you? Recently a very fine minister was in the state office who said, "Our brotherhood tells how to secure and call a minister, but does not tell how to sever relationships." The answer to this question will be in two parts, the first installment this month and the second next month. There are two ways a church can get rid of a minister. The first way is for the church to feel that a change is needed, a small group start agitating, and then two or three individuals go to the minister and hint that he had better resign before he is fired.

The result of his procedure is that the minister does resign without a place to go. Churches interested in securing a minister are very reluctant to consider a man who does not have a job. "You know there must be something wrong with him." Perhaps he is months without being able to secure a pulpit. Four years of undergraduate study and three years of seminary are liable to be wasted as he contemplates leaving the ministry.

And in the church there is difficulty. Those who wanted him to leave are rejoicing that he has left. Those who were his friends hold resentment toward the group or individuals who "fired the minister."

The second way is illustrated by another actual experience. A small group came to the state secretary and asked, "How can we get rid of our minister?" They were advised to go back home and work harder than ever in the church and not to say anything about the minister leaving. In due time the minister was called to another church.

What were the results? The minister and his family left happily to go to a new field of service. The church united in giving them a fine farewell reception, and then the church unitedly called another man to lead them forward.

These two illustrations can be given time and again. The answer is obvious as to the best way to "get rid of the minister." The above procedures deal with normal situations. Sometimes it is necessary to terminate services immediately. These are special and particular occasions.

Watch next month for the second section on "How to Get Rid of Our Minister."

HONORED: Mr. and Mrs. David Byerlee, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Putnam, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Addleman.

Kern Park Church Honors Ministers

The climax of **The Week of the Ministry** observed by the Kern Park Christian Church came with a reception for the staff, and retired ministers who are members of the congregation. The retired ministers represented a combined record of more than 260 years of full-time service. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Putnam received the honored ministers pins supplied by the Pension Fund of the Christian Churches. Also, Mr. C. H. Addleman received the honored minister's pin. Mr. and Mrs. David Byerlee, who had received their honored minister's pins prior to this service, were given special recognition.

Mr.Putnam is completing 50 years of Christian service. Mr. and Mrs. Byerlee served as missionaries in the Congo for 38 years under the United Christian Missionary Society. Mr. Addleman was minister of the Kern Park Church for 18 years, and executive secretary of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society for 12 years.

The reception and program were under the direction of the Membership Commission (Mrs. Forest Wright, chairman).

OREGON UNIFIED PROMOTION REPORTS

OREGON CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Report of Treasurer

	Four Months Ended October 31 1961	1960	Increase (Decrease)
Giving of Oregon Churches to Unified Promotion:			
Operating — Undesignated and Specified	$37,046.36	$32,770.18	$ 4,276.18
New church	$ 3,545.80	$ 1,729.52	$ 1,816.28
Other designated and capital gifts	$ 2,072.55	$ 2,722.64	$ (650.09)
Oregon's share of UP receipts:			
Undesignated and specified	$16,088.67	$13,967.95	$ 2,120.72
New church	$ 2,482.06	$ 1,678.23	$ 803.83
Total Receipts—OCMS:			
Operating fund	$40,211.40	$31,391.71	$ 8,819.69
New church fund	$ 4,370.80	$ 1,729.52	$ 2,641.28
Campsite fund	$ 493.22		$ 493.22
All sources (including the above named funds and miscellaneous items)	$45,397.66	$33,912.65	$11,485.01

WITH THE STATE SECRETARY

One of the most interesting tasks in the world is that of being a minister. A minister deals not with material objects, but with people. What joy there is in helping people to grow to be more Christlike. The state secretary is the pastor of the pastors and all the churches in the state where he is responsible. As a minister of ministers, he, too, deals with people.

In the area meetings with Scott Lathrop, the outstanding layman from California, your secretary had the opportunity to visit with many church people and many ministers. These meetings at Springfield, Winston, North Bend, McMinnville, and Ontario proved very helpful to all who attended. Along the way visits were made with other churches.

Pulpit committees at Lebanon, Salem, and Corvallis have been working very closely with the state office that adequate leadership might be secured for these fine churches. It is well for pulpit committees and churches to be very thorough in this task of securing a capable minister.

Preaching engagements during the month included First Church Lebanon, First Church Albany, and Halsey Church. Meetings were held with the membership of Southgate Church in Portland and Eastside Albany Church as both of these congregations faced up to their problems and their potentialities and then faced the future.

Various committee and commission meetings were attended, such as Turner Convention program committee meeting at Albany; budget committee of OCMS as we looked at budgets for 1961-62, 1962-63, 1963-64; state Commission on the Ministry at Eugene; and the Age Level Planning Conference at Crestview. As I share with our people in the planning of our work for the future I am greatly encouraged.

Various conferences and committee meetings were held in the state office as together we faced problems, projected programs, and made plans for advance.

As we look toward the Christmas season, may we truly put Christ in Christmas. Let us remember that "God so loved that He gave." May we too so love our fellowmen and the Kingdom that we give for the ongoing of the work of the Christ.

Yours in Christian service,
Henry L. Searle

CYF'er News

Edited by JOHN SANFORD

CWIFF'ie Week Scheduled

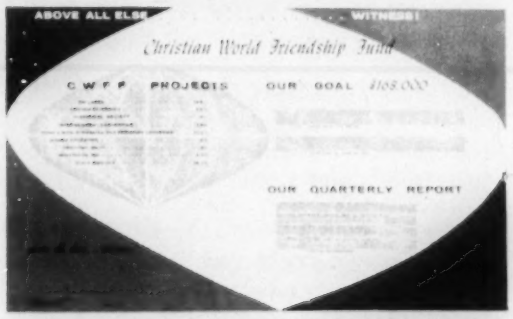
At the recent state executive meeting the question was again brought up of having a CWFF'ie week. First we hashed over what the purpose of the week was. We concluded that it was a week during which each CYF and Chi Rho group should stop and take a look at what it is doing as a part of Unified Promotion. And since CWFF is the way that youth contributes to the total program, it seemed only appropriate that "CWFF'ie week" coincide with "Youth Week", the week during which the importance of youth and their work in the church is emphasized.

Since July 1 the Christian World Friendship Fund, youth's part in Unified Promotion like all other Unified Promotion giving, includes 10 more Christian colleges. Now 79 agencies benefit by gifts to this efficiently unified appeal.

CWFF seeks to provide $168,000 — about 2% of the total askings of Unified Promotion by June 30, 1962. Distribution varies according to needs as reviewed by the Brotherhood Commission of Finance. More than 43% of what we give **comes back** to our own state of Oregon; 49% of what we give goes to World and Home Missions and Christian Education, and the remainder goes to support International Convention, Church Extension, Higher Education, Christian United, Historical Society, and Aid for Aged Ministers.

All four Oregon districts have reported accepting a goal for Unified Promotion, which totals $4,893 — Oregon's goal. It is hoped that youth giving for the nation will reach at least $168,000 by June 30, 1962.

Norm Jensen
State CYF Service Chairman



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EDITOR JOHN SANFORD (center) was photographed at the age-level planning conference at Crestview. At left is Don Gray of Pendleton, and at the right is Vickie Boosinger of Forest Grove.

Ninety Turn Out for Slave Auction

October was a very busy month for the CYF of the First Christian Church in Portland. On October 14, the CYF held their annual Parent Potluck and Slave Auction. These are designed to acquaint the parents with the church and CYF. There was a turnout of about ninety people.

The following week we played host to the Cedar Hills CYF group. Loma Mae Jones was the speaker for the evening.

October 28, the CYF Halloween party was held at Betsy and Jack Pattee's house. Invitations were also extended to the college group.

Halloween night we had eleven people from the CYF to "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF; we collected somewhere in the area of $24.

Karen Schouboe
CYF Enlistment Chairman
First Christian Church

Halloween Party Led by Rocky Phelps

Water balloons, cold spaghetti, crackers, grapes, hay ride, flat tire, visit to a haunted house, games, and cider were all ingredients of the Halloween party, October 29, for about thirty young people of the Hermiston CYF. Rocky Phelps, recreation chairman, was the general chairman.

Crestview Is Site of Mallory Retreat

Approximately twenty-one young people and nine adults participated in the semi-annual Mallory Avenue Christian Church CYF retreat. This year it was held at Camp Crestview, September 29-October 1. We had wonderful fellowship, encouraging planning, and thought-provoking worship experiences.

Saturday and Sunday mornings were spent in planning the coming year of CYF activities. Recreation and games on Saturday and Friday evening provided fellowship and fun for all. The highlight of the week-end was our communion service joining with people all over the world in World Communion Sunday.

Kathleen Trout
CYF Enlistment Chairman
Mallory Avenue Christian Church

In West Central District—

CORVALLIS CYF CALL UPON PROSPECTS

The Corvallis CYF has been busy lately. On October 8 the CYF group put on a worship service for a local nursing home.

On October 19, eight members of the group went calling on prospective members. They broke up into pairs, each couple calling on two or three prospects. The campaign was headed by Kay Kingen, enlistment chairman.

The next week on October 28 they had a paper drive. The group was very lucky and made $65.

For their monthly party the Corvallis CYF had a hayride and a party afterwards at Markie and Lorene Herbert's.

In addition to their activities the Corvallis CYF has just completed a study on "Witnessing," headed by Julie Stoaks.

ALBANY YOUTH HAVE RETREAT AT NELSCOTT

The Albany CYF went on a retreat last month to Harmony Lodge in Nelscott. They had about thirty CYF'ers and six adults. The CYF'ers did the cooking and dishwashing themselves. On Sunday they went to church at the Chapel by the Sea. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Last month the Albany CYF also had a hay ride. About twenty attended the hay ride held on October 28.

West Central District
Enlistment Chairman

PLANNERS: left to right, Dr. Richard Lentz of Indianapolis, George Knox of Milton-Freewater, and Don Rogers of Pendleton.

Education Leaders Meet at Crestview

Dr. Richard Lentz, chairman of the department of churchwide leadership development of the United Christian Missionary Society, was guest leader for the annual age-level planning conference of the education commission of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society. The meeting was held November 9-11 at Camp Crestview on the Columbia.

Dr. Lentz brought to the leaders of the Christian education program of our state some of the concerns or trends, developments, programming and resources of our churches, especially in cooperative efforts. He also discussed some of the "Insights Significant for Church Leaders," choosing these insights from the fields of social science, psychiatry, educational psychology, and the science of group work.

David Branson, Christian-education director at Salem's First Christian Church, was chairman of the committee setting up the conference. The meeting was attended by about 40 members of the education commission and its subcommittees on children's work, youth work at both the Chi Rho and CYF level, family life, and adult work. James Fraley, minister of Springfield First, is chairman of the commission.

Each age-level group projects programming and calendar for the next year and estimates budget needs three to four years in advance. In reporting sessions each participant gains an understanding of the work of all age-level committees.

Loma Mae Jones, as state director of Christian education, and Henry Searle, executive secretary for the Oregon Christian Miissionary Society, were also in attendance.

CHRISTMAS GREETING TO— OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

By IDELLA OSBURN

A CHRISTMAS GREETING AND PRAYER from your CWF State Board to all women of the church in Oregon and around the world—

Help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wisemen.

Close the door of hate, and open the door of love over the world. Let kindness come with every gift, and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing that Christ brings and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus sake.

—Amen.

—Attributed to Robert Louis Stevenson

May His strength, peace, and spirit guide and keep you during this Holy Festival month — in memory of Him who was sent as a precious Gift for us.

Our prayer is that the world may know and accept this Gift while there is yet time; we dedicate ourselves to this end.

Next month this column will include the regular monthy Newsletter. NOTE: There will be no regular monthly mailings to local presidents unless emergencies arise. If your president does not subscribe to the **Oregon Christian,** we suggest subscribing in club's of five at 75 cents per sub. for the exec. committee members of CWF. Use in same manner the Newsletter was used heretofore for executive and general meetings. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHI RHO PLANNING SESSION at Crestview Conference: facing the camera are Jim Edwards of Hood River and Pat Kane of Portland.

At Milton-Freewater CWF Honors CMF

The Christian Men's Fellowship at the First Christian Church in Milton-Freewater were the honored guests of the Christian Women's Fellowship at a pot-luck dinner on November 5.

The program was characterized as "entertaining" and the message of the evening was declared "challenging" by Mrs. Irene Warner, church reporter. The speaker was Clifford Trout, minister of the Mallory Avenue Christian Church in Portland, and president of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society.

New Exec Named for CWF Department

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Miss Helen F. Spaulding of New York City has been named the executive secretary of the Department of Christian Women's Fellowship of the United Christian Missionary Society, effective January 1, 1962.

"Miss Spaulding's selection has received the unanimous approval of the Board of Trustees of the United Society," said Dr. A. Dale Fiers, president of the UCMS, in making the announcement.

MISS HELEN F. SPAULDING

NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN STUDENT CENTERS

RICHARD FLOOD, CAMPUS MINISTER AT CORVALLIS

The new president for Christian Student Fellowship is Ed Charlesworth, from Bend, succeeding Jack Headlee of Springfield. Sue Lewis, from Eugene, was elected vice-president and appointed program chairman as an addition to her duties. Ed is leading the calling campaign this fall as the group is attempting to reach 100% of the preference students.

Fall Program

The program this fall has included study groups, worship, fellowship and Sunday-evening forums. The subjects for the forums are varied and have included: "Gods of the Campus," Dr. Ray Hewitt; "Involvement on Campus," Jim Youde; "China and the U.N.," Joe Swei; "Defense of Berlin," Col. Donald Landon and Fritz Mishler (Willamina); "Christianity and Communism," Dr. William Unsoeld; "Sex, Love and Marriage," Dr. Lester Kirkendall and Pastor Ken Larson; "Church and State," Dr. John Anderson; "John Birch Society," Leslie Fleming; "A History of Christmas Carols," Bob Roberts; and "In the Steps of Paul," Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Gilbert. Carol Quakenbush has been the program chairman this term.

Fall Retreat

The group participated in a Fall Retreat with students from Westminster Student Fellowship at Silver Creek Falls. The speaker was Dr. Dan Wessler, formerly university pastor at OSU Westminister Foundation and now pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Chico, California. A few of those attending included Patsy Hendrickson, Joyce Rogers, Sue Lewis, Bill Doncaster, Ed Charlesworth, Merwyn Powell, Allan Doerksen, and Ed Faxon.

African Students

Among the most active students this term has been Mordecai Katumba, from Kenya, Africa. Mordecai is at OSU for one year working in the area of farm crops. In Kenya, he worked as an extension agent. Coming from the Anglican Church, he became a student member of the Corvallis Christian Church because, as he stated, "I like the freedom in the worship.' 'David Mbotela from Kenya, and a friend of Mordecai, is also active and attending worship at the Christian Church each Sunday. There are over 350 foreign students on the campus this year and we see this as a challenge and really a missionary opportunity, as they are the future leaders of their countries when they return.

CONGOLESE at Eugene Christian House: front row, left to right, Henry Mathieu Bontongo, Abraham Ebaka, Peter Mbongo; back row, Enoch Lokwa, Bernard Louya, Albert Bondieka.

DULCINA ELLIOTT, CAMPUS MINISTER AT EUGENE

This year at the University of Oregon there are thirteen students from the Congo, six of whom are from our own mission stations there. They are among the first sixty of a total of three hundred whom the United States government is bringing to this country for advanced study that we may contribute to leadership for the new Congo. The six who are at the University are educators who will return to their homeland next fall to teach. (See picture for names). They are bringing a real missionary challenge to those who hear them, and Miss Hattie Mitchell has been most gracious to serve as interpreter wherever needed. These are among a total of 363 foreign students enrolled at U. of O. this term representing seventy lands. There are probably 1000 international students in Oregon colleges this year—what a great opportunity without leaving our own shores!

Either by birth or residence our six Congolese represent Ifumo, Wema, Bolenge, Lotumbe, Bosobele, and Coquilhatville, where Henry Contongo's father is mayor. Before coming to the University they spent some months in a concentrated study of English at Georgetown University in Washington, D. C.

Peter Mbongo's father has been the minister of our church at Lotumbe for thirty-three years, and was a graduate of the first class of the Congo Christian Institute. Peter himself was asked why he wanted particularly to come to Oregon, and he said that in his childhood the Steamship Oregon going up and down Congo for our missionary work made him want some day to see the state that gave the boat.

All of this information should make those who have helped support our Congo program through the years feel more than rewarded. Abraham Ebaka has been in charge of religious radio at Coquilhatville for two years.

Paul Kepple, Missionary to Mexico, on Speaking Tour

Paul Kepple, missionary to Mexico for the United Christian Missionary Society, will be speaking in Oregon churches in February as well as being featured at the Oregon Assembly.

Feb. 2-3 — Milton-Freewater
Feb. 4 A.M. — Milton-Freewater
Feb. 4 P.M. — Pendleton
Feb. 5 — Heppner and Lexington
Feb. 6 — Hermiston
Feb. 7 — Walla Walla, Wash.
Feb. 8-9 — Oregon Christian Assembly, Albany First
Feb. 11 A.M. — Dallas
Feb. 11 P. M. — Hillsboro
Feb. 14 — Portland First
Feb. 16 — Portland CWF Federation (afternoon)
Feb. 16 — Madras (evening)
Feb. 18 A.M. — Springfield
Fef. 18 P.M. — St. Helen

Madras CMF Forms Prayer Group

The First Christian Church at Madras has been obliged, because of increased membership and attendance, to make some temporary changes in the building. The wall separating the sanctuary and the classroom area has been removed and replaced by sliding doors. This alteration is expected to make the space more usable until new facilities can be built.

The Christian Men's Fellowship at Madras has formed a prayer group. The idea was suggested by Ralph Warren, state president of the CMF, when he was the guest speaker at the regular monthly breakfast in October.

Following the plan set forth in Mr. Warren's newly edited pamphlet for laymen, the men meet early on each Wednesday morning for prayer. As this group grows, it will be divided into two parts, the second half meeting on another morning. Following this pattern, the group could continue dividing until each morning for five days a week there would be a number of men meeting for prayer.

Jack Naff is minister at Madras.

CMF MOVES AHEAD IN OREGON

Eastern Oregon Men Meet in La Grande

The Oregon Christian Men's Fellowship has again this last month made big strides in its development, with several local, district, and area meetings.

Several local churches have indicated they are starting CMF on a local basis, and almost without exception the principal theme or goal is simply to "Develop the Local Layman Spiritually." It is the consensus that, once this is done, the individual laymen will participate enthusiastically in local churchmanship work, and that laymen who are now dormant will become active again in the church.

A good example of increasing men's activity was an area meeting at the La Grande Christian Church, November 11. Many churches were represented, although some men traveled many miles through ice and snow to attend, coming from as far away as John Day. The main business was the dividing of this large area into two districts, to permit closer fellowship and communion and to make it easier to work together.

The principal speaker was Ralph Warren, president of the State Christian Men's Fellowship and member of the National Central Committee. Mr. Warren installed the new area CMF officers. (See picture for names.)

The theme of Mr. Warren's message was "Developing Laymen Spiritually" through the use of early study, prayer, and witnessing sessions. The message was well received; several laymen and pastors after the meeting indicated that immediate effort would be made to start such a program in the local churches.

The information has just been received that the date for the State Christian Men's Fellowship Retreat has been set for April 6-8. Dr. Wayne Greene, formerly of Salem, Oregon, and now with the Department of Men's Work, will be the guest leader. We are looking for a good attendance from laymen all over the state.

NEW CMF OFFICERS for the Eastern Oregon area include a layman, Kenneth Pressler of Pendleton (center), president, and a minister, Willard Cromwell (right) of Hermiston, pastor-adviser. The installing officer was Ralph Warren (left) of Portland, state president of CMF. Not shown in the picture was the secretary-treasurer, E. H. Nichols of Athena.

Junction City Congregation Institutes "Church Appreciation Day"

The first annual "Church Appreciation Day" was held at First Christian Church in Junction City on November 5. This will be a yearly observance on the anniversary of moving into the new church building.

Some special features were added to the morning service for this occasion. Three church officers, a deaconess, deacon, and an elder, each spoke briefly on the subject, "What the Church Means to Me".

Two musical numbers, which were sung at the dedication service last year, were also a part of the program. They were, "Bless This House", by the choir, and "The Lord's Prayer, sung by Gay Blankenship. Following the minister's sermon, a "Church Appreciation Offering" was taken. It came to a total of $456.30, which was entirely over and above the regular giving. This offering was designated for the completion of the kitchen.

Recently, Mr. Sherman Baldwin, a long time resident of Junction City and elder in the church, died. He left his library of over 100 books to the church, including an entire set of **Interpreter's Bible.** A large glass-enclosed bookcase was also a part of the gift.

On Saturday, October 28, the N.C.C. Drama Troupe presented "The Comedian" in our sanctuary. The churches and community responded well to this presentation.

Gilbert E. Knox, Minister

American Baptists Join with Deciples To Plan Lab School

Two meetings have been held to make plans for the Cooperative Laboratory School with the American Baptists. Marjory Moshier and Willeta Woodson are representing the Disciples of Christ in working out plans. The dates for the school are June 17-23. It is to be the first such school ever to be held in the Portland area.

Mrs. Thelma Dolan of McMinnville is in charge of plans for a presentation in the Portland-area churches. The joint committee is working on securing the staff. Classes wil include nursery through juniors, plus an administrative section.

The committee has suggested that these dates may conflict with the customary dates for Vacation Church School. Since this date has been announced so far in advance, it would be wise to try to avoid such a conflict.

Plan now to send at least one representative from your church. Participation should be statewide.

La Grande DSF Active

Of the total 1,070 students enrolled at Eastern Oregon College in La Grande for the fall term, 103 are Christian Church preference students. Of this number, 73 are in the freshman class.

The Disciples Student Fellowship meets each Thursday evening in the home of the Carlos Easleys. Average attendance has been from 18 to 22 each week. The D.S.F. president, Stan Case, sophomore student at EOC from Pendleton First Christian, drove to the DSF Regional Council in Seattle at the University Christian Church, Nov. 10-12. D. McCall accompanied him to the council meeting.

There have been eleven additions to the membership of First Christian in recent weeks, including two women, one 75 and the other 78, who were baptized.

November 19 - December 2 were the dates for a series of Fireside Stewardship sharings in some 30 homes of church families. The 30 designated families invited in four additional couples of the the congregation and informally talked about the church program.

Mrs. Merle Janice Pitts recently resigned as Chancel Choir Director after five years of dedicated and effective service. Maurice Stone is now Chancel Choir Director.

Wallace Hastings is minister at La Grande.

Five Oregon Churches Make Building Plans With Board of Church Extension

Indianapolis, Ind.—Representatives of five Oregon churches met during the fall with William T. Pearcy, president of the Board of Church Extension, for consultation and assistance in the development of financial programs for building projects.

A financial evaluation for the Wallowa Church anticipates the provision of $40,000 to $45,000 for a proposed project involving new educational space and possible remodeling.

It was suggested during the consultation that an entirely new master plan be developed for the site, providing for unit construction as sources permit.

A time schedule was prepared tentatively calling for the immediate appointment of a study committee and projecting both a building fund and Investment Certificate-Loan campaign to provide a portion of the financing. The schedule anticipates ground breaking in the spring of 1964.

The Building Fund Council of the Cedar Hills Church, Beaverton, was assisted in setting up a three-year campaign to be concluded on the 29th and 30th of this month.

A goal of $18,000 has been accepted with proceeds to be applied to the erection of a critically needed educational building. The cost of the new structure has been estimated at $25,000.

A revised time schedule developed at the time of the campaign set-up anticipates ground breaking by late spring, next year, and completion of the structure by early fall.

Representatives of First Church, Milton-Freewater, also met with Mr. Pearcy to discuss the development of a program for minor remodeling of their sanctuary and the provision of additional educational space.

A financial-capacity analysis indicates that by incorporating a three-year building fund campaign and a Church Extension loan sufficient resources can be developed to support a $90,000 to $110,000 project.

Recommendations also call for the immediate appointment of a study committee. A tentative time schedule was also developed, outlining step-by-step procedures culminating in the building completion in early 1965.

A building-fund campaign was also set up for First Church, Springfield, with the intensive effort to be held December 1 and 2.

A goal of $50,000 was set for the effort, $30,000 of which will be used for the establishment of a new church in Springfield. The balance of the campaign receipts will be used in an expansion program at First Church.

The intensive effort of the campaign will be under the direction of Harold R. Watkins, general representative of the Board of Church Extension.

A revised time schedule and financial projection were prepared for the Kern Park Church, Portland, in connection with the purchase of additional property and the erection of new facilities.

The church has not yet decided whether to erect an educational or sanctuary structure. The cost of the entire project including the purchase of property has been set at $335,000.

A Certificate-Loan Plan to provide a portion of the financing will be undertaken by the congregation.

ACTIVITY AT WILLAMINA

Ray C. Smith, minister at Willamina, reports that the congregation has secured the services of Morris Martin, grade-school music instructor, to serve as choir director. The Willamina church has a junior choir and a senior choir which meet each week. Bible school and church attendance is ahead of the last several years.

NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

Jack Naff of Madras, who is chairman of the Town and Country Church Committee, asks that each church and minister be considering nominations for Rural Minister of 1962 and nominations for the Outstanding Rural Church.

As soon as possible after the first of the year, blanks will be mailed to each church to secure its nominations.

News Analyst Speaks for American Youth Week

Mr. Tom Lawson McCall, news analyst and commentator for KGW-TV, was guest speaker for the Sunday services, November 12 at the Englewood Christian Church, 3515 N.E. Killingsworth in Portland, in observance of American Youth Week. Speaking on "Youth On The March" Mr. McCall shared the program with Reverend Henry F. Hotvedt, with his talk on "Dependability".

Founded by the Optimist Club of North America, American Youth Week is being vigorously encouraged in this area by Mr. Bob Ratclif, President of the Portland Area Optimist Council, and the Portland Area Optimist Club. Reverend Hotvedt has been working with Mr. Ratclif since August of 1960 to reactivate interest in American Youth Week in Portland.

Their purpose is to encourage the public to talk less about our 4% delinquent youth and elevate the good of the other 96%. It is their aim to encourage more churches and organizations to recognize American Youth Week in the future and enlist their support for a cleaner type of entertainment program through television, movies, etc.

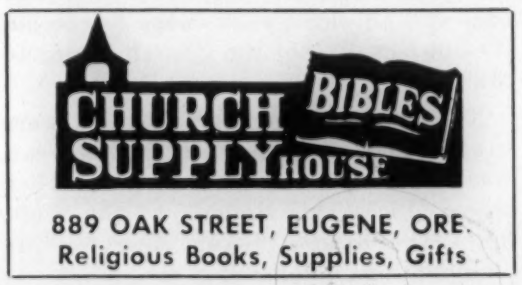
Distinguished guests included Miss Viola Harrington, Kennedy Grade School principal; Harold Klinner, Grant High School principal; Ray Malo, Jefferson High School principal; Steven Smith, Madison High School principal. Also included were Mrs. Robert C. Beach, president of Grant High School PTA; John Slocum, president Grant High School Dad's Club, and Mrs. Robert Watkins, president of Kennedy Grade School PTA.

Immediately following the services there was a coffee hour honoring the youth of America, and entertainment was provided by a six-piece ensemble from Multnomah School of the Bible.

Mrs. Robert Anderson

TWO OREGONIANS have enrolled at The College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky, for the fall quarter of graduate study.

Robert Bray, Astoria, and Gerald Sawyer, Canby, are both in the final year of their work for the three-year bachelor of divinity degree. Both are graduates of Northwest Christian College, Eugene.



"Deeper Life" Program at Milton-Freewater

George Knox, minister of the First Christian Church in Milton-Freewater, is promoting several plans for the future of the church, according to Mrs. Irene Warner, church reporter.

Deeper Life Visitations began November 14 and will continue each Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon until Easter. The purpose of the Visitations is to see that every member is visited and receives a copy of the pamphlet, "Making My Membership Meaningful," to re-interest inactive members, and to visit prospective members.

A program of Bible reading and preaching was started on October 26. The purpose is to read through all of the Gospels by Easter Sunday. Each week a list of Scriptures is being published in the church paper on Sunday bulletin.

The Scriptures are arranged to correspond with the events in Jesus' life in the order that they happened. On Sunday mornings Rev. Knox will preach on one of these events in Jesus' life.

On November 14 the ladies of the church brought cookies and candy to the church and packed them into boxes for shipment to college students and to boys in the service overseas, as well as for delivery to shut-ins.

Two carloads of young people are the anticipated goal as high-school seniors plan to attend the N.C.C. Preview on December 1 and 2.

Can Your Church Match This Record?

You might be interested to know that our newest congregation, the Lynchwood Church in Portland, which was dedicated on October 15, now has a total resident membership of 67. For the month of October the lowest attendance at morning worship was 68 and the highest 95, for an average of 79. What other church in Oregon has a larger attendance at worship service than its membership?

Beginning November 1, this church assumed the total responsibility for the interest on its loan at the bank, is paying all local expenses and a substantial part of the minister's salary, and sending a missionary offering to Unified Promotion. Already they are crowding their new facilities.

We congratulate this church and the loyal members there.

Plans for Oregon Assembly Take Shape

Plans for the Oregon Christian Assembly are rapidly taking shape under the sponsorship of the World Outreach Commission of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society.

The theme for this year will be Latin America. Mr. Paul Kepple, missionary to Mexico, will be the principal missionary speaker. Secondary theme will be in the area of stewardship, and a national resource leader will be present to bring three messages to the assembly on the importance of stewardship to the world mission.

A major change in the assembly program this year will be conversation groups to replace the workshops held in previous years. Conversation-group topics will include mission and missionary recruitment; Mexico girds for evangelism; how to have an effective school of missions; the New Delhi conference; and campus Christian life.

The opening address for the assembly on Thursday, February 8, will be Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, president of the University of Oregon, who will speak on the topic, "The Primacy of Christian Missions in the World Today".

Other personnel will include Dr. Cate, executive secretary of the Portland Council of Churches; Dr. and Mrs. Donald McGavran; Goldie Ruth Wells; Carlton Buck; Jack Naff; Dr. Henry Searle; and Sherman B. Moore.

Banquets will be held on Thursday and Friday evenings, with the Thursday evening banquet honoring the New Church Advance program of our state and featuring our mission to Mexico. The Friday evening banquet will honor retired missionaries in our state and will feature Congolese students from our mission at Bolenge, now attending the University of Oregon.

The Oregon Christian Assembly this year will be held in the newly constructed First Christian Church of Albany. The dates for the assembly are Thursday and Friday, February 8 and 9.

men would be chained still. At this joyous season we celebrate the birth of Him who cast aside forever the chains and set men eternally free.

May the blessings of Christmas remain with you throughout the year

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**MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE JOYOUS—
YOUR NEW YEAR MOST HAPPY!**

"And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his Father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

Luke 1:30-33

TURNER MEMORIAL HOME
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Forest Grove Adds to Building

The educational unit and chapel now under construction at the First Christian Church of Forest Grove is moving into final stages of construction. The building superintendent, Ray I. Bobbitt, hopes to have the building ready for use in January.

The Forest Grove Church began planning for such an addition in 1956. At that time Roland Moshier of the Board of Church Extension, came to the church and made an exhaustive study of the church, its program and future possibilities for development. Last year the final plans were drawn by H. A. Mohr and associates of Hillsboro, Oregon. Construction began in July of this year.

When completed the building will contain twelve Sunday-School rooms, a chapel, and a reception room. It will include in the total construction program remodeling of existing kitchen facilities and a choir room added to the present sanctuary.

The church has employed Ray Bobbitt as construction superintendent for the building. Sub-contracts have been received on all major items of the work.

The education commission of the church has been busily working to alter the Sunday School and worship relationships now existing so the church can move to an early worship, Sunday School, and then 11:00 worship.

By the direction of the education commission and the building committee, the six rooms on the lower floor have been planned for the use of pre-school children. Heat has been put in the floor of these rooms. All of them open directly on the level of the church parking lot. This will add to convenience of parents in bringing babies and small children. It will also make for assurance of fire safety. One room will be specially finished and equipped for a nursery.

The total cost of the program has been estimated at $70,000. The finances have been underwritten by one-year pledges and a loan from the Board of Church Extension.

ADDITION to the Forest Grove Church, viewed from the west.

Administrator Tells of New Christian Home for Children

A DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS

For the past seven years I have looked forward to Christmas at the Childrens Home with both anticipation and fear. Anticipation because I know that the churches would remember their other family in the Home with gifts beyond measure (and for some children this was the first real Christmas they had ever experienced), and fear that the children would get a wrong impression of the church as a source of every material gift, forgetting that the real spirit of Christmas could only be found in the church.

This year Christmas will be different for the writer, for there are no children —no buildings—no staff—nothing to decorate—and no exciting looking boxes coming for the children with every mail delivery. But even though there still isn't actually a Woodhaven Christian Home for Children yet, we do hope that you remember to increase your giving so that the needs of Woodhaven are met too. And should you desire to make a special building fund gift, or want to establish a memorial for a friend or family member, we will be happy to help you with such a plan.

This year, for the first time, our church holds out hope to the children who are retarded and crippled, and the Woodhaven Christian Home for Children looms like a bright star on a not too distant horizon.

Holiday Greetings from your newest Benevolent Home!

Sincerely,
Woodhaven Christian Home for Children
Columbia, Missouri
Charles M. Palmer
Administrator

WINNERS OF THE BOB HANNON SCHOLARSHIP: Bruce McFarling and Sue Suter. Presentation was made by Harold Glen Brown (right), minister of the First Christian Church in Portland.

Scholarships Awarded to Portland Youth

At the annual youth planning conference, sponsored by the Youth Council of the First Christian Church of Portland, the annual award of the Bob Hannon scholarship was presented to Bruce McFarling and Sue Suter. The conference was held at Nelscott.

The scholarship was established in memory of Bob Hannon, one of the church's outstanding young men, who died from injuries suffered on a snow trip during 1948. His parents and the youth of the Portland church set up a memorial scholarship fund, which amounts to $250 annually.

The recipient is chosen by a secret committee, which makes the award to a young person of college age on the basis of consecration, stewardship, dependability and friendliness, to one who most nearly represents the spirit and character of Bob Hannon.

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